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Town of Center Harbor ATTN: Board of Selectmen PO Box 140 Center Harbor, NH 03226-

RE: 2017 Assessment Review

Honorable Members of the Board of Selectmen

The New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration has completed its review based on the six assessment areas specifically identified in RSA 21-J: 11-a and RSA 21-J: 14-b I. (c).

## They are:

- A. Level of assessments and uniformity of assessments are within acceptable ranges as recommended by the Assessing Standards Board by considering, where appropriate, an assessment-to-sales-ratio study conducted by the Department for the municipality;
- B. Assessment practices substantially comply with applicable statutes and rules;
- C. Exemption and credit procedures substantially comply with applicable statutes and rules;
- D. Assessments are based on reasonably accurate data;
- E. Assessments of various types of properties are reasonably proportional to other types of properties within the municipality; and,
- F. For all revaluations including full revaluations, partial revaluations, cyclical revaluations and statistical updates conducted on or after April 1, 2006 assessment year by either an independent contractor or an in-house assessor, a report based on the most recent edition of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) Standard 6 shall be produced.

In accordance with RSA 21-J:11-a, II, the Department shall report its findings to the Assessing Standards Board and the municipality.

We are pleased to report that you have met most of the above standards adopted by the Assessing Standards Board (ASB), with the exception of the following:

ASB III, B.4. a Current Use

Original A-10 Application either not recorded or not in file on several samples, recreation discount not applied correctly on a couple samples, and one sample, file not found.

ASB III, B.4.d Current Use L.U.C.T.

Form A-5W warrant not submitted to tax collector. (A-5 was used as warrant)

ASB III, C.1.a Credits

Several of samples with ownership in a trust had no PA-33 Form and supporting documentation. Many of the credits sampled have not been reviewed in over ten years.

ASB III, C.2 and 3. Religious, Educational, and Charitable Exemptions Most of the samples had no A-9 on file, and one of those also had no A-12 on file.

ASB III F. 1 USPAP Report

The USPAP Report was found non-compliant.

Prior to release of this report to the ASB you have an opportunity to respond to any DRA recommendations made. Your response should be made within 30 days of the date of this letter. We will be in contact with you to schedule a meeting to review this report. We are available to provide assistance to you in any areas not met, if needed.

We would like to thank the staff members who assisted with information retrieval as well as working in an understanding and cooperative manner.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that pursuant to RSA 75:8-a Five-Year Valuation as well as Part 2 [Art.] 6. [Valuation and Taxation.] of the State Constitution your next town-wide reappraisal must be completed no later than 2022.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Stephan W. Hamilton, Director Municipal and Property Division

cc: Assessing Standards Board

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